

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
a controller that includes means for determining an amount of a player's wager;
a plurality of awards;
the wager including a plurality of different types of wagerable components;
a display device connected to said controller;
a game adapted to be displayed to a player by said display device; and
said game having odds of said player winning a designated one of the awards,
said odds of winning changing linearly when either one or both of the different types of
wagerable components of said wager changes.

{ Please amend Claim 2 as follows: }

2. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said odds of winning said designated award increase linearly when any component of said wager increases.

{ Please amend Claim 3 as follows: }

3. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the game includes a plurality of reels and a payline, and wherein said odds of winning said designated award increase when said player increases an amount wagered on said payline.

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

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6. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the game includes a plurality of reels and a plurality of paylines, and wherein said odds of winning said designated award increase as said number of wagered paylines increases.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A slot machine comprising a plurality of reels, a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, a smallest machine allowable wager on each payline, a largest machine allowable wager on each payline, and a jackpot award as an outcome of a player interactive event, wherein said machine enables a player wagering the smallest machine allowable wager on one of said paylines to have a chance to win said jackpot award, and wherein a payout ratio of the amount wagered versus odds of winning the jackpot award is constant regardless of the number of paylines wagered and an amount wagered per payline.

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Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 12, which includes a plurality of awards, one of which is the jackpot award, and wherein a payout ratio for each of the plurality of awards is constant.

Please amend Claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 1, wherein the odds of winning the jackpot award increase as the player's wager increases.

Please amend Claim 15 as follows:

15. (Amended) A slot machine comprising a plurality of reels, a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, a jackpot award as an outcome of a player interactive event and odds of winning the jackpot award that increase linearly when either a bet per payline wager increases or a number of paylines wagered increases.

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 15, wherein a payout ratio for the jackpot award is constant regardless of the number of paylines wagered and the amount wagered per payline.

{Please amend Claim 17 as follows:}

17. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 15, wherein said jackpot award is progressive.

{Please amend Claim 18 as follows:}

18. (Amended) A slot machine comprising a plurality of reels and a plurality of paylines, wherein at least one award is provided and the odds of winning the award vary proportionally based on a number of the paylines played and also vary proportionally based on a number of credits wagered per payline.

a 21 {Please amend Claim 19 as follows:}

19. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 18, which includes a number of attempts at randomly producing said award, said number of attempts being dependent upon the amount wagered per payline.

{Please amend Claim 20 as follows:}

20. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 18, which includes a number of attempts at randomly producing said award, said number of attempts being dependent upon the amount wagered per payline and upon at least one odds constant.

{Please amend Claim 21 as follows:}

21. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 18, which includes a production of a plurality of symbols on said reels, said award being dependent upon a production of a predetermined symbol or symbol combination on a payline, said symbol or combination being dependent upon the amount wagered per payline.

{Please amend Claim 22 as follows:}

22. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 18, which includes a production of a plurality of symbols on said reels, said award being dependent upon a production of a predetermined symbol or symbol combination on a payline, said symbol or combination being dependent upon the number of wagered paylines.

a 21 Please amend Claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 18, which includes a bonus round of said slot machine.

Please cancel Claim 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claim 25 as follows:

25. (Amended) A slot machine having a base game comprising a plurality of reels and a plurality of paylines, whereby a player can wager different amounts on a number of said paylines, and wherein the odds of entering a bonus game from the base game change depending on the player's wager per payline and a number of opportunities to achieve an award in the bonus game change depending on a number of paylines wagered.

a 22 (Please amend Claim 26 as follows:)

26. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 25, wherein the odds of entering the bonus game change as a result of different reel symbol combinations having different probabilities based on the wager per payline.

(Please amend Claim 27 as follows:)

27. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 25, wherein the odds of entering the bonus game change proportionally based on the wager per payline.

Please cancel Claim 28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claim 29 as follows:

a 23 29. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 25, wherein each of the paylines passes through a single paystop on one of the reels.

Please amend Claim 31 as follows:

31. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 25, wherein the bonus game includes multiple levels, a first level having odds depending on the number of paylines wagered and a second level having constant odds.

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32. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 31, wherein at least one odds constant also affects the odds of the first level.

{Please amend Claim 33 as follows:}

33. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 25 31, wherein the first and second levels each include a random generation device selected from the group consisting of: a spinning wheel and a spinning reel.

{Please amend Claim 34 as follows:}

34. (Amended) The slot machine of Claim 33, wherein the bonus game award has a payout ratio that is constant regardless of the number of paylines wagered and the wager per payline.

Please add new Claim 35 as follows:

35. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels;

a plurality of symbols on the reels;

a plurality of paylines associated with the reels;

a bonus game having a designated bonus award, wherein the bonus game is initiated by a designated symbol or combination of symbols on one of the paylines,

odds of generating said designated symbol or combination of symbols that vary based on one of (a) a number of the paylines wagered and (b) a wager per payline;

odds of generating said designated bonus award in the bonus game that vary based on the other of (a) the number of the paylines wagered and (b) the wager per payline; and

wherein the designated bonus award has a constant payout for all combinations of the paylines wagered and for all the wagers per payline.

Please add new Claim 36 as follows:

36. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 35, wherein at least one of the odds of generating the combination of symbols and the odds of generating the bonus award vary linearly based on the number of paylines wagered and the wager per payline, respectively.

Please add new Claim 37 as follows:

37. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 36, wherein at least one of the odds of generating the combination of symbols and the odds of generating the bonus award vary proportionately with the number of paylines wagered and the wager per payline, respectively.